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WITMER RECORD

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WITMER FAMILY RECORD

The history of our branch of the Witmer family was first composed by Amos H. Horst, in May 1931. In December, 1934 it was rewritten by Mahlon C. Horst.

A family history is constantly changing so we endeaver to keep up with the additional dates but realize mistakes have been made. This we regret and would appreciate to be informed of errors. We to thank those who have assisted in this work.

Nettie and Mary Witmer

CHRISTIAN WITMER born July 1, 1799 married January 8, 1828 to Susannah Rank, born November 19, 1802. In 1834 they moved from Maryland to Ohio in a big wagon to a farm east of what is now Pine Lake. At that time it was a swamp. Christian also operated a saw mill. He died May 2, 1876 age 96 years 10 mo. 1 day. Susannah died August 31, 1858 aged 55 years 9 months 11 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. SAMUEL, born November 4, 1828, married December 10, 1854 to Polly Bixler. Died August 15, 1914 age 85 years 9 months 11 days. Their Children: John, Susan (Mrs. Eli Wenger), Mary, Lucretia (Mrs. George Weldy), of Wakarusa, Ind., Isaac, a minister at Leetonia, Ohio, Mennonite Church.

2. MICHAEL born May 11, 1831, married October 16, 1849 to Louvina Miller, died June 20, 1915, aged 84 years 1 month 9 days. Charles and John Witmer of Goshen, Indiana were some of their children.

3. NANCY, born September 28, 1833, died January 28, 1866, aged 32 years 4 months.

4. LYDIA, born September 8, 1836 married December 30, 1855, to John Witmer. This union is the grandparents of this record.

5. DAVID, born May 30, 1839, married February 24, 1861 to Elizabeth Bucher, died August 2, 1907, aged 68 years 2 months 2 days. Daniel D. and Saloma (Mrs. Ulyssis Mentzer) were the only children

6. SUSANNA, born December 9, 1842, married September 29, 1896 to George Culp, died January 26, 1919, aged 76 years 1 mo. 7 days.

Emma (Mrs. Jerome Berkey), John, Noah, and David of Wakarusa, Indian were their children.

Daniel Witmer, born November 2, 1803, married November 1, 1827, to Nancy Lehman, born August 13, 1803. They lived near Hagerstown, Maryland, until 1842 when with two other families set out in big wagons for Ohio. The wagons were loaded so that some were compelled to walk most of the way. Our Grandfather,

then 12 years old was one among the walkers. They settled on the farm near North Lima, which is now owned by Clayton Welsh. Mrs. Welsh is a great-granddaughter. The farm has now been in the Witmer family for four generations. The other families went

farther west in Ohio. Daniel died January 2, 1872, aged 68 years 2 months. Nancy died February 10, 1863, aged 59 years 5 months 28 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOHN L., born September 23, 1828, married December 30, 1855 to Lydia Witmer, born September 8, 1836. (Will start here with irst generation.)

2. CHRISTIAN, born April 2, 1830, died April 18, 1830, aged 16 days.

3. ABRAHAM, born February 28, 1831, married Eliza Shafer. He died November 21, 1890, aged 59 years 8 months 23 days. They had one son. Stanton who lived in Canton, Ohio. Two daughters, Persanna (Mrs. Kale), and Alice.

4. SAMUEL, born December 22, 1832, married Elizabeth Zeigler. He died April 10, 1910, aged 77 years 4 months 18 days. They had a daughter Alzena, married Ira Hazen.

5. DANIEL, born January 26, 1835, died January 29, 1837, aged 2 years 3 days.

6. JACOB, born May 6, 1836, died January 25, 1837, aged 8 mo. 19 days. Daniel and Jacob died four days apart.

7. DAVID, born February 21, 1838, married Nancy Otto. He died May 7, 1926, aged 88 years 2 months 16 days. Their children: Paul E. of Bluffton, Ohio, Martha (Mrs. Albert Steiner), Mary (Mrs. Levi Yoder).

8. JOSEPH, born August 5, 1839, died February 21, 1863, aged 23 years 6 months 16 days. He died 11 days after his mother. Both had typhoid fever.

9. BENJAMIN, born September 12, 1841, married Matilda Shelly. He died in the spring of 1917. They lived in Illinois and had two sons, Nathaniel and Wallace.

10. NOAH, born March 29, 1844; died June 26, 1869, aged 24 years 2 months 26 days. He had gone to Illinois to work for his brother "Ben". He went swimming after a big rain and was overcome.

11. ELIZABETH, (twin) born November 13, 1846, married Jacob Foos. She died November 12, 1894, aged 58 years 11 months 29 days. They had a daughter Addie (Mrs. William Coy) and Annie (Mrs. Yoder).

12. ANNA, (twin) born November 13, 1846, died May 11, 1881, aged 34 years 5 months 28 days.

PUBLIC SALE

Will be sold at Public Sale, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, at the subscriber's residence, near the old road leading from Greencastle to Williamsport, and about ¾ of a mile from Cunningham's Tavern, the following property, to wit:

Cows, Hog, Sheep, Young Cattle, One yearling Colt, 1 Plantation wagon, Ploughs, Harrows, Horse Gears, and a variety of Farming Utensils. Also - - - House Furniture, consisting of Bedsteads, Bureaus, Cupboards, Stoves, Chairs, and many other articles too tedious to enumerate. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock on said day, when due attendance and a reasonable credit will be given by the subscriber.

February 19, 1842 Daniel Witmer

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FIRST GENERATION

John L. Witmer, born September 23, 1828, near Hagerstown, Maryland. At the age of 12 years he moved with his parents to Ohio. He was married December 30, 1855 to Lydia Witmer, born September 8, 1836 near North Lima, Ohio. They started house keeping on the farm now owned by Frank VanPelt. In about 1875 they built to the house, the present kitchen being the old original house. John died February 5, 1895, aged 66 years 4 months 12 days. Lydia died October 19, 1904, aged 68 years 1 month 11 days. They are burried in the old cemetery at Midway Church.

It may be of interest to know that at the time they started house keeping they attended church at North Lima. Services were held every 4 weeks. Grandmother looked forward with anticipation for church Sunday, when she could again get in touch and worship with her family and Lord.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. AMOS W. born January 25, 1857
2. SARAH ANN born December 3, 1858

3. AMANDA born October 20, 1860
4. NOAH born May 17, 1863
5. JOHN J. born February 1, 1867
6. DANIEL C. born July 15, 1870
7. SUSANNA born January 3, 1874

SECOND GENERATION No. 1

Amos W. Witmer, born January 25, 1857, near Columbiana, Ohio, was married December 14, 1893, to Catherine Hoover born August 25, 1861, near Goshen Ind. They lived near Columbiana, Ohio, until December 1898, then moved on a farm five miles west of Goshen, Indiana, on Catherine's home place. They remained there until death. Amos died December 7, 1928, aged 71 years 10 months 12 days. Catherine died September 2, 1937, aged 76 years 8 days. They are buried at Yellow Creek Cemetery near Goshen, Indiana.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. WALTER H. born February 25, 1895
2. ANSON B. born December 31, 1896
   died January 16, 1899 aged 2 years 15 days
3. PENOLA born November 23, 1899
4. SUSANNA born April 23, 1903

THIRD GENERATION No. 1

Walter H. Witmer, born February 25, 1895 near Columbiana, Ohio, was married November 30, 1919 to Alma Ursula Shaum, born May 25, 1898. They started housekeeping in the house with his parents.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ISAIAH CARLYLE born September 2, 1920
2. ANSON FLOYD born August 13, 1921
3. CATHERINE LOUISE born March 22, 1924
4. PAUL WAYNE born January 4, 1928
5. MARY SUSANNA born August 12, 1933
6. MABLE MARIE born January 9, 1935

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

ISAIAH CARLYLE WITMER, born September 2, 1920, near Goshen, Indiana, married December 24, 1950 to Beulah Mae Wenger, born January 30, 1920. Isaiah was killed January 25, 1958 in a tractor accident when he took a load of manure to the field.

He got stuck and his tractor overturned because of the draw bar breaking and he was pinned under the steering wheel. His hands were free; the ignition turned off; his gloves layed beside him; his hands were folded apparently in prayer. The tractor was pulled off with another tractor by his brother Paul. He was dead when found. Isaiah was alway very careful and took precaution in his work, often warning others of danger they did not see.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. BONITA RAY — still born March 21, 1952
2. RUBY JANE — born November 17, 1953
3. DEAN EDWARD — born October 29, 1955

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

ANSON FLOYD WITMER, born Aug. 13, 1921, near Goshen, Indiana, was married August 17, 1947 to Fern Weaver, born Dec. 19, 1920.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DONALD WAYNE — born August 26, 1949
2. DEVON RAY — born July 20, 1952
3. TERRY LEE — born August 9, 1954
4. MARVIN EDWARD — born April 10, 1957
5. BETTY ANN — born July 22, 1952
6. CARL EUGENE — born November 30, 1960

Terry Lee, 4, was instantly killed Monday evening, Jne 1, 1959, at Yellow Creek Feed Mill, west of Goshen. He was directing a truck driven by Nelson I. Paul. As the truck backed to the platform the wind blew the barn door shut. When Terry reached for it he fell from the platform to the ground; just as he arose to his feet the truck reached the barn and crushed his head against the lower edge of the platform.

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

CATHERINE LOUISE WITMER, born March 22, 1924 near Goshen, Indiana, was married March 24, 1946, to Maynard Clement Zimmerman, born March 26, 1923.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DENNIS EDWARD — born May 18, 1947

2. PAUL LEVON born September 19, 1948
3. RAYMOND LEE born September 5, 1949
4. WELDON RAY born August 31, 1950
5. GLENN IRVIN born February 10, 1952
6. JAMES LEROY born July 4, 1953
7. CARLTON WAYNE born July 14, 1958
8. ARDEN JAY October 3, 1959
9. WALTER ELI born November 8, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

PAUL WAYNE WITMER, born January 4, 1928, near Goshen, Indiana, was married August 14, 1949 to Edna Fae Wenger, born February 9, 1930. They are farming Paul's home farm. He is the third Witmer generation living there and Pauls' ancestors five generations back owned it.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MAX WAYNE born January 8, 1951
2. DAVID LEE born September 24, 1952
3. GALEN RAY born February 22, 1955
4. TIMOTHY JAY born July 28, 1958

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

MARY SUSANNA WITMER, born August 12, 1933, near Goshen, Indiana, was married Feb. 19, 1956 to Elvin G. Hoover, born February 1, 1933.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ELDO LEROY born December 13, 1956
2. EILEEN MARIE born March 26, 1958
3. JANET FAYE born November 15, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

MABLE MARIE WITMER, born January 9, 1935 near Goshen, Indiana, was married November 30, 1957 to Roger Lee Skiles, born July 12, 1937.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ANETTA MAY (twin) born August 10, 1959
2. DANETTE KAY (twin) born August 10, 1959

THIRD GENERATION No. 3

PENOLA WITMER, born November 23, 1899, near Goshen, Indiana, was married January 1, 1924, to Isaiah Ramer, born May 6, 1899. They own and operate a farm near Nappanee, Indiana.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LOIS EMMA born April 16, 1926
2. AMOS W. born March 29, 1928
3. ESTHER IVA born January 5, 1930
4. MARCUS born August 25, 1932
5. ROBERT born January 14, 1934
6. VIOLA born March 17, 1936
7. DAVID W. born April 22, 1939

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

LOIS EMMA RAMER, born near Nappanee, Indiana, April 16, 1926, was married June 6, 1948 to Truman L. Martin, born July 12, 1925.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. GLETA DIANE born July 1, 1949
2. WILLODEAN KAY born November 14, 1951
3. THERESA FERN born September 5, 1954
4. ELWOOD NEAL born May 9, 1958

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

AMOS W. RAMER, born March 29, 1928, was married August 31, 1957, to Martha G. Rohrer, born June 3, 1932.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. STELLA YVONNE born June 24, 1958

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

ESTHER IVA RAMER, born January 5, 1935, was married May 8, 1955 to Lester Jay Grabill, born March 30, 1933.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. RAYMOND LOYAL born July 17, 1956
2. BENJAMIN ROY born February 11, 1958

3. ROLLIN KEITH born February 9, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

MARCUS RAMER, born August 25, 1932, was married June 5, 1955, to Carrie Ellen Martin, born December 25, 1935.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. KATHLEEN KAY born July 9, 1956
2. CONNIE MARIE born September 29, 1957
3. DARRELL LYNN born August 18, 1959

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

ROBERT RAMER, born August 25, 1932, was married April 13, 1958 to Edna Fern Zimmerman, born July 19, 1936.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOAN SUE born September 30, 1958
2. ROGER LYNN born December 19, 1959

THIRD GENERATION No. 4

SUSANNA WITMER, born April 23, 1903, near Goshen, Ind., was married September 9, 1924, to Henry Shaum, born April 15, 1900. They own a farm near Wakarusa, Indiana.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MIRIAM LOUISE born September 26, 1925
2. JAMES EDWARD born February 2, 1928
3. MARY ALICE born September 26, 1930
4. LOWELL AARON born December 29, 1932
5. DANA DANIEL born April 30, 1935

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

JAMES EDWARD SHAUM, born Feb. 2, 1928, was married September 8, 1956, to Esther Maxine Troyer, born July 1, 1933.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DONITA LYNNE born September 20, 1958

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

MARY ALICE SHAUM, born September 26, 1930, was married October 4, 1953, to Lowell B. Martin, born February 27, 1932.
THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LOWELL LAVON born September 8, 1954
2. RONALD LEROY born November 28, 1956
3. ELVERNIE RAY born November 25, 1958

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

LOWELL AARON SHAUM, born December 29, 1932, was married June 12, 1955, to Grace Amanda Ramer, born July 24, 1935

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. KENNETH LEE born February 21, 1956
2. ANITA KAY born September 8, 1957
3. KAREN ARLENE born January 31, 1959

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

DANA DANIEL SHAUM, born April 30, 1935, was married June 1, 1958, to Wilma Brubaker, born November 12, 1935.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LELAND RAY born April 11, 1960
2. DAVID GENE born September 5, 1961

SECOND GENERATION No. 2

SARAH ANN WITMER, was born December 3, 1858 near Columbiana, Ohio. She was never married and on account of ill health was at home with her parents most of the time. She died March 19, 1906, in a Cleveland Hospital, following an operation for tumer, aged 47 years 3 months 7 days. Burried in the Pleasant View Church Cemetery near Columbiana, Ohio.

SECOND GENERATION No. 3

AMANDA WITMER, born October 20, 1860, was married December 24, 1891 to Jonas Eberly, born January 28, 1859. They lived on a farm near Dalton, Ohio.

Amanda died very suddenly May 31, 1949, aged 88 years 7 mo. 11 days. Jonas died May 26, 1952, aged 93 years 3 months 28 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ALLEN W. born October 2, 1892
2. HENRY CLEMENT born November 2, 1893
3. ELIZABETH W. born February 17, 1895
4. DANIEL J. born October 25, 1896
5. ALZENA M. born February 7, 1898
6. ANNA F. born April 9, 1899
7. PAUL E. born May 8, 1901

THIRD GENERATION Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

1. ALLEN W. born October 2, 1892
2. HENRY CLEMENT born November 2, 1893
3. ELIZABETH W. born February 17, 1895
5. ALZENA M. born February 7, 1898
6. ANNA F. born April 9, 1899

These five brothers and sisters were never married and are living together on the farm where their parents last lived.

THIRD GENERATION No. 4

DANIEL J. EBERLY, born October 25, 1896, was married Feb. 21, 1925, to Lina Violet Amstutz, born February 16, 1904. They are living on a farm near Dalton, Ohio.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MARY LUCILLE born October 19, 1926
2. VIVIAN MAE born June 29, 1928
3. CARL DANIEL born November 25, 1929
4. DORIS EILENE born July 22, 1932
5. GRACE EVALYN born February 10, 1935
6. ROGER DALE born July 30, 1937
7. HERBERT DEAN born November 14, 1941

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

MARY LUCILLE EBERLY, born Oct. 19, 1926, was married May 16, 1948 to Richard Lee Hofsteter, born February 18, 1928.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DONALD LEE born June 30, 1949
2. MICHAEL DALE born August 2, 1952

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

VIVIAN MAE EBERLY, born June 29, 1928, was married August 23, 1953 to Wilbur Troyer, born August 7, 1924.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. NEVA KAY born July 31, 1955
2. GORDEN WILBER born September 25, 1956

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

CARL DANIEL EBERLY, born Nov. 25, 1929, was married June 21, 1952 to Clara L. Meyer, born June 29, 1928. Address Grantun, Pa.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DANIEL JAUN JR. born March 10, 1954
2. ANNE LOUISE born January 23, 1957
3. BARRY LYNN born April 26, 1958
4. WAYNE CARL born December 4, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

DORIS EILENE EBERLY, born July 22, 1932 was married June 24, 1960 to Donald Falb, born August 15, 1938.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. TODD MERLE born February 14, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

EVELYN GRACE EBERLY, born February 10, 1935 was married June 13, 1959, to Galen Moomaw, born Oct. 10, 1935.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JACQUELINE FAY born May 14, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

ROGER DALE EBERLY, born July 31, 1937 was married February 12, 1960 to Ruth Shifferly, born October 14, 1938.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. BRIAN EUGENE born March 26, 1961

THIRD GENERATION No. 7

PAUL E. EBERLY, born near Dalton, Ohio, May 8, 1901, was married January 12, 1935, to Lena Beery, born July 19, 1903, near Harrisonburg, Va. They are living on a farm near Dalton, Ohio.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MAY ELIZABETH born January 31, 1936
2. JAMES DAVID born June 21, 1938
3. ROSALIE ANN born September 13, 1942, died Feb. 9, 1949, aged 6 yr. 4 mo. 16 da.

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

MAE ELIZABETH EBERLY, born January 31, 1936, was married May 9, 1959 to Kenneth Howard Steiner, born October 5, 1937

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

JAMES DAVID EBERLY, born June 21, 1938, was married March 5, 1960, to Norma Jean Steiner, born February 20, 1939.

SECOND GENERATION No. 4

NOAH WITMER, born May 17, 1863, was married January 2, 1890, to Elizabeth Horst, born August 10, 1866. They lived on a farm near North Laurence, Ohio. Noah died November 7, 1893, aged 30 years 5 months 10 days. Elizabeth died January 21, 1898, aged 31 years 5 months 11 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ANNA born October 16, 1890
2. ENOS born June 11, 1892 died January 18, 1898, aged 5 yr. 7 mo. 7 da.

THIRD GENERATION No. 1

ANNA WITMER, born October 16, 1890, was married Dec. 19, 1912, to Benjamin Wenger, born September 22, 1888. They lived on a arm near North Laurence, Ohio.
Benjamin died September 25, 1916, aged 28 years 3 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. RUSSELL WAYNE born January 28, 1914

Anna was married February 6, 1938 to Allen F. Geiser, born September 15, 1888.

FOURTH GENERATION No 1

RUSSELL WAYNE WENGER, born January 28, 1914, was married March 28, 1936, to Alice Martin, born June 8, 1915.

Russell owned and operated a printing press. On October 6, 1959, while delivering some printed material in the city of Akron, he was instantly killed in a two car collision when the other driver failed to stop at a red light.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. VIVIAN TENORE born January 14, 1937
2. JEROLD NIEL born August 15, 1943
3. DONALD WAYNE born April 5, 1952

FIFTH GENERATION No. 1

VIVIAN TENORE WENGER, born January 14 1937, was married July 20, 1951, to Richard Carver, born August 13, 1933.

SECOND GENERATION No. 5

JOHN J. WITMER, born February 1, 1867, was married Dec. 22, 1892, to Fannie Martin (twin), born January 8, 1870, near Orrville, Ohio. They lived on a farm near Columbiana, Ohio. John J. was ordained Deacon of the Pleasant View Mennonite Church June 1916.

Fannie died March 28, 1936, after a lingering illness of nearly 15 years, aged 66 years 2 months 20 days. John J. died December 16, 1952, aged 85 years 10 months 15 days. They are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. PHARES M. born February 9, 1894
2. MARY born May 3, 1895
   died December 15, 1898, aged 3 yr. 7 mo. 12 da.
3. EMMA born August 17, 1898
4. MERLE M. born May 7, 1900
5. IVA born January 5, 1903
6. NETTIE born February 4, 1907

THIRD GENERATION No. 1

PHARES M. WITMER, born February 9, 1894, was married January 2, 1923, to Minnie Rhodes, born May 24, 1901. They started house keeping on a farm near Columbiana, Ohio, then moved to Dayton, Virginia, in 1929.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. RUTH NETTIE born February 3, 1924
2. PAUL REUBEN born April 14, 1926

3. MARY ELIZABETH born October 13, 1927
4. JOHN HENRY born August 27, 1930
5. DAVID RHODES born November 7, 1932
6. JOSEPH DANIEL born January 29, 1936
7. NAOMI ANN born December 27, 1938
8. SAMUEL ALFRED born May 28, 1941
9. AMOS PHARES born February 14, 1944

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

MARY ELIZABETH WITMER, born October 13, 1927, was married October 17, 1951, to Nathan Edwin Showalter, born July 15, 1926.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JAMES WITMER born August 8, 1952
2. SARAH FRANCIS born October 15, 1953
   died October 23, 1953, aged 8 days
3. DAVID WAYNE born August 25, 1954
4. ELIZABETH ANN born December 20, 1955
5. ISSAC WILSON born June 14, 1959

FOURTH GENERATION No.4

JOHN HENRY WITMER, born August 27, 1930, was married February 23, 1955, to Ruth Luella Koogler, born Dec. 17, 1930

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MARY JANE born September 16, 1956
2. ANNA RUTH born February 4, 1958
3. CHARLES KOOGLER born November 14, 1959
4. REBECCA ANN born May 3, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

DAVID RHODES WITMER, born November 7, 1932, was married June 5, 1960, to Martha Arlene Martin, born October 22, 1930.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOEL MARTIN born May 18, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

JOSEPH DANIEL WITMER, born August 27, 1930, married April 19, 1961, to Betty Jane Showalter, born August 4, 1939.

THIRD GENERATION No. 4

MERLE M. WITMER, born May 7, 1900, was married Nov. 25, 1924, to Annie C. Rhodes, born March 1, 1903. They are living near Columbiana, Ohio.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. WALTER EMANUEL born May 16, 1926
2. DANIEL RHODES born June 5, 1928
3. ELSIE MARIE born September 14, 1930
4. MARTHA FRANCIS born April 20, 1932
5. AMOS HENRY born July 25, 1933
6. HARRY ALFRED born February 12, 1935
7. JACOB WILLIAM born August 24, 1936
8. Infant son born and died October 23, 1937
9. CARL IVAN born March 4, 1941
   died March 19, 1941, aged 15 days.

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

WALTER E. WITMER, born May 16, 1926, was married Oct. 19, 1950, to Mary Agnes Showalter, born June 13, 1924. They are living on the farm that was formerly owned by his grandfather, John J. Witmer.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DAVID PHILIP born November 19, 1951
2. JASON S. born December 7, 1953
3. LUKE ALLEN born July 17, 1955
4. REBECCA IRENE born August 18, 1956
5. PRISCILLA AN'N born October 9, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

DANIEL R. WITMER, born June 5, 1928, was married June 20, 1954, to Lena Francis Rhodes, born January 15, 1930.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. Infant still born October 27, 1954
2. HARROLD SAMUEL born March 28, 1956
3. MARK RHODES born July 14, 1957
4. EDNA FRANCES born October 7, 1958
5. JOHN JACOB born June 15, 1960
6. CARL DAVID born October 5, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

AMOS HENRY WITMER, born July 25, 1933, was married October 22, 1958, o Wilda Grace Knicely, born August 23, 1935.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. EMILY SUE born September 14, 1959
2. BETTY LOU born August 28, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 7

JACOB WILLIAM WITMER, born August 24, 1936, was married December 15, 1960, to Emma H. Good, born November 4, 1938.

1. JOHN ALFRED born September 20, 1961

THIRD GENERATION No. 5

IVA WITMER, born January 5, 1903, was married December 17, 1929, to Charles William VanPelt, born July 27, 1905. They lived near Columbiana, Ohio. Charles died October 1, 1960, aged 55 years 2 months 4 days. He is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ANNA REBECCA born January 5, 1931
2. BERTHA MAE born March 21, 1932
3. MABLE CATHRINE born September 1, 1933
4. JOHN PERRY born December 9, 1934
5. ROY DANIEL born June 21, 1936
6. DAVID HENRY born July 18, 1937
7. LORETTA FAY born January 11, 1939
8. EMMA RUTH born March 1, 1941
9. JOSEPH EMMANUEL born May 15, 1942
10. PAUL IVAN born April 19, 1944

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

ANNA REBECCA VANPELT, born January 5, 1931, was married June 5, 1955 to Melvin Neuenschwander, born Feb. 18, 1930.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LILLIAN KAY born April 19, 1956
2. EARL JAY born June 6, 1957
3. SILAS RAY born November 1, 1958
4. LOIS FAY born February 27, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

BERTHA MAE VANPELT, born March 21, 1932, was married April 10, 1955, to Paul Elmer Steiner, born December 28, 1929.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. SUSAN ELAINE born September 13, 1956
2. CHARLES ENOS born September 17, 1957
3. REBECCA ANN born November 23, 1958
4. MARCUS PAUL born November 7, 1959

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

MABLE CATHRINE VANPELT, born September 1, 1933, was married November 17, 1957, to Louis Steiner, born Feb. 1, 1936.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. DORTHY MARIE born September 6, 1959
2. IVA IRENE born April 8, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

JOHN PERRY VANPELT, born December 9, 1934, died Feb. 3, 1960, when his cattle truck crashed in the back of a steel truck on Route 51 at the Ohio and Pennsylvania line at 2:30 A. M. The impact caused an explosion and the body was burned beyond recognition. He was engaged in hauling cattle to and from local community sales and that night had taken a load from Damascus Auction to a Pittsburgh slaughter house. He told his brother Roy before he started, "I'm tired, I wish I would not have to go." It was a very dark slushy night, and hard to see. John was considered a careful and alert driver.

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

ROY DANIEL VANPELT, born June 21, 1936, was married October 13, 1956, to Carolyn F. Horst, born January 19, 1933.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. BARBARA ELLEN born July 6, 1958
2. STEVEN CRAIG born November 29, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

DAVID HENRY VANPELT, born July 18, 1937, was married September 10, 1960, to Anna H. Good, born August 15, 1938.

1. MICHAEL LYNN born October 24, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 7

LORETTA FAY VANPELT, born January 11, 1938, was married May 14, 1961, to Marvin Benjamin Good, born March 5, 1940.

SECOND GENERATION No. 6

DANIEL C. WITMER,born July 15, 1870, was married January 28, 1896, to Anna Martin (twin), born Jan. 8, 1870, near Orrville, Ohio. They owned a farm near Columbiana, Ohio. Daniel was ordained minister to Pleasant View Mennonite Church June 1916. Anna died August 2, 1947, aged 77 years 6 months 24 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOHN M. born April 20, 1897,
2. ENOS L. born September 28, 1898
3. EZRA M. born April 10, 1901
4. IDA born December 11, 1902
5. OWEN born November 29, 1907
6. MARY born August 1, 1911

THIRD GENERATION No. 1

JOHN M. WITMER, son of Daniel C. and Anna Martin Witmer, was born April 20, 1897, on the Witmer homestead near Columbiana, Ohio.

John grew up as a Christian young man, he accepted Christ as his saviour and was baptised into the Mennonite Church Oct. 1917.

At this time World War 1 was raging in great bitterness. He was drafted into the Army September 6, 1918, and went as a conscientious objector. He was taken to Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, Ohio.

He stood for his faith, not serving as a soldier of the armed forces, but standing firm as a soldier for the cross of Jesus Christ. John endured many trials for his faith.

In one of his letters, written to his parents, he told of his trials and persecutions quoting the scripture in Hebrews 11:10, "I am looking for a city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God."

A few days after he had written this letter he took sick of the epidemic (the Spanish influenza) which swept almost the whole world. Ten days after he took sick, God called him home, to that great city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God, at the age of 21 years 5 months 18 days. John spent only 32 days in camp, left home September 6, and died October 8, 1918.

The life he lived, the testimony he gave, gives us great assurance that he is now gone to be with Jesus and the glorified saints.

THIRD GENERATION No. 2

ENOS L. WITMER, born September 28, 1898, was married October 12, 1924, to Hannah B. Wenger, born December 23, 1901. They are living on the farm which belonged to her father.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOHN ELMER born September 13, 1925
2. RALPH ALLEN born June 12, 1927
3. DANIEL ADAM born December 10, 1928
4. GRACE MARIE born April 4, 1930
   died April 27, 1930, aged 23 days.
5. STELLA VIRGINIA born August 16, 1931
6. OWEN MAYNARD born February 1, 1933
7. VESTA MAE born December 9, 1934
8. ENOS JAMES born October 1, 1936
9. ELVIN WENGER born February 6, 1939
   died August 1, 1955, aged 16 yr. 5 mo. 25 da.
10. HOMER DAVID born July 22, 1940
11. ESTHER VIOLA born April 23, 1943
12. MARJORIE IRENE born February 12, 1945

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

JOHN ELMER WITMER, born September 13, 1925, was married August 26, 1948, to Mary Catherine Good, born May 13, 1927.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MARTHA JOYCE born September 19, 1949
2. MARY GRACE born December 8, 1950
3. JOHN MARK born June 21, 1952
4. ELMER ENOS born September 23, 1953
5. MARGARET HANNAH born February 14, 1956
6. MYRTLE ANN born June 19, 1957
7. LILLIAN RUTH born July 21, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

RALPH ALLEN WITMER, born June 12, 1927, was married August 16, 1951, to Doris Adelaide Blosser, born Sept. 12, 1933.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ELLEN LOUISE born June 21, 1952
2. IRENE FAITH born May 9, 1953
3. MIRIAM ROSANN born November 7, 1954
4. GRACE EVELYN born January 29, 1957

5. SHARON ELAIN born November 3, 1958
6. RACHEL ANN born December 6, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No.3

DANIEL ADAM WITMER, born December 10, 1928, was married June 10, 1951, to Maxine Isabel Landis, born May 5, 1930.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JANICE MARIE born July 16, 1952
2. DARYL KENNETH born September 30, 1953
3. DONNA LYNETTE born December 2, 1954
4. ROBERT NEAL born January 30, 1956
5. RONALD LEE born May 21, 1957
6. JAMES LAMAR born July 6, 1959
7. CAROL JEAN born August 13, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

STELLA VIRGINIA WITMER, born August 16, 1931, was married June 7, 1953 to Elmer Carl Reesor, born March 10, 1929.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOANNA MAY born May 1, 1954
2. JAMES KENNETH born October 7, 1955
3. EUGENE CARL born January 13, 1958
4. EDWARD WILLIAM born December 5, 1959
5. CHARLES RICHARD born July 28, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

OWEN WITMER, born February 1, 1933, was married October 4, 1958, to Nancy Magdalena Ressor, born October 18, 1934.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ELVIN DOUGLAS born July 19, 1959
2. RITA ELIZABETH born November 16, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 7

VESTA MAE WITMER, born December 9, 1934, was married March 20, 1955, to Ross William Landis, born December 17, 1941.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. CLIFFORD ROSS born March 8, 1956
2. MARLENE RUBY born July 26, 1957
3. JOYCE ELEEN born January 15, 1960
4. JULIA ROSE born February 7, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 9

ELVIN WENGER WITMER, born February 6, 1939, died August 1, 1955, aged 16 years 5 months 25 days. Lester J. Martin died the same day. Both were instantly killed in an auto accident near Huntsville, Ontario.

Elvin and his brother, Homer, Lester Martin and Jacob Vanpelt had spent the weekend in Canada and on Monday morning they left for a fishing trip to North Bay, with Kenneth Reesor and Gary Knott. They hit a fog pocket while passing a car and colided head-on with another car. The boys were all thrown out except Elvin and Lester, who were pinned in; their bodies badly crushed. Homer suffered a bad leg break, Jacob an eye injury, which impaired the center vision of one eye. Gary had a broken leg and Kenneth had bruises and a broken rib. All suffered severe shock. The two occupants of the other car were also badly injured. One was hospitalized months.

A double funeral was held at the Pleasant View Mennonite Church, August 5, 1955. A large concourse of people gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. A tent was erected on the outside of the Church building and a loud speaker installed. It was thought that there were as many people outside as inside. As it was very hot, protection from the sun was necessary.

THIRD GENERATION No. 3

EZRA WITMER, born April 10, 1901, was married January 13, 1924, to Lulu Merle Shaum, born February 13, 1902. Ezra Wit mer died September 8, 1957. He is buried at Midway Mennonite Cemetery.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. VERNON DANIEL born April 14, 1925
2. ANNA MARY born July 15, 1926
3. MARTHA IRENE born September 18, 1928
4. WARREN ISAIAH born February 3, 1931
5. LIZZIE ARLENE born May 15, 1933
6. DAVID EDGAR born June 23, 1935
7. JOHN JOSEPH born February 10, 1938

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

VERNON DANIEL WITMER, born April 14, 1925, was married June 12, 1949, to Vera May Horst, born November 14, 1926.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LOIS ANN born March 26, 1950
2. VERNON DANIEL, JR. born October 1, 1952
3. RICHARD LEE born February 28, 1955
4. DONALD EZRA born August 28, 1957

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

ANNA MARY WITMER, born July 15, 1926, was married July 4, 1948, to Paul Wenger Weaver, born February 23, 1922.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. WILBUR DANIEL born August 15, 1949
2. EUNICE ILENE born January 18, 1951
3. KENNETH EDWIN born June 9, 1952
4. HAROLD DEAN born June 16, 1954
5. CAROL ANN born May 20, 1957
5. ELDON RAY born June 13, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 3

MARTHA IRENE WITMER, born September 18, 1928, was married November 26, 1953, to John Bacher, born April 22, 1925.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LOYAL GLENN born October 15, 1954
2. SHARON MARIE born September 5, 1956
3. RUTH MARLENE born November 6, 1958
4. VERNON DAVID born September 13, 1960

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

WARREN ISAIAH WITMER, born February 3, 1931, was married May 2, 1952, to Lucille Mae Detwiler, born November 16, 1931.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. CHAREL JEAN born April 6, 1953
2. DENNIS WARREN born February 25, 1954
3. JOYCE ELAINE born March 1, 1957

4. MARLENE JOY born November 29, 1959
5. JAROLD EDWARD born August 9, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 5

LIZZIE ARLENE WITMER, born May 15, 1933, was married May 18, 1952, to Howard Edwin Weaver, born January 3, 1926.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. EARNEST LEE born February 14, 1953
2. JAMES ALLEN born March 11, 1954
3. MARILYN LOUISE born October 24, 1955
4. JOHN ROBERT born June 20, 1959
5. DANIEL EDWIN born March 21, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 6

DAVID EDGAR WITMER, born June 23, 1935, was married September 29, 1956, to Joanna Steiner, born April 1, 1937.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. TERRY LEE born May 17, 1961 (foster son)

THIRD GENERATION No. 4

IDA WITMER, born December 11, 1902, was married January 8, 1929, to Franklin Lee VanPelt, born February 21, 1904. They are living and own the farm formerly owned by her grandfather, John L. Witmer.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ARTHUR W. born January 3, 1930
2. PERRY W. born January 12, 1932
3. ELSIE born November 11, 1933
4. WILLARD JAY born May 27, 1935
5. ALICE W. born May 30, 1936
6. JACOB D. born September 26, 1938
7. MARY W. born June 4, 1941
8. ALBERT born July 15, 1943

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

ARTHUR W. VANPELT, born January 3, 1930, was married October 8, 1955, to Anna Ruth Showalter, born July 18, 1928.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JAMES ELDON born June 24, 1956
2. DWIGHT EDWARD born January 11, 1958
3. ROSANNA MAY born August 30, 1959
4. NATHAN LEE born August 9, 1961

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

WILLARD JAY VANPELT, born May 27, 1935, was married September 2, 1961, to Charlene Mae King, born July 20, 1940.

FOURTH GENERATION No. 7

MARY W. VANPELT, born June 4, 1941, was married November 24, 1960, to Edwin Wayne Good, born October 10, 1940.

1. MONICA EILEEN born November 8, 1961

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THIRD GENERATION No. 5

OWEN WITMER, born November 29, 1907, was married Jan. 10,1933, to Iola Good, born April 3, 1911. They lived near Dalton, Ohio. Owen Witmer died May 28, 1960, aged 52 years, 5 mos. 29da.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. MABLE MARIE born May 31, 1935
2. NELSON MORIS born July 16, 1936
   died January 27, 1937, aged 6 mo. 11 da.
   Buried at County Line Church Cemetery, near Dalton, Ohio.
3. ELWOOD MAYNARD born and died February 6,1939
4. MARGARET ANNA born April 11, 1940
5. MELVIN JAY born December 11, 1943

FOURTH GENERATION No. 1

MABLE MARIE WITMER, born May 31, 1935, was married December 27, 1953, to Vernon Ray Horst, born March 29, 1934.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. BEVERLY JOY born September 24, 1954
2. DALE born November 24, 1955
3. LOUANN CAROL born March 6, 1957

FOURTH GENERATION No. 4

MARGARET ANN WITMER, born April 11, 1940, was married June 17, 1961, to Paul Wenger, born December 26, 1938.

SECOND GENERATION No. 7

SUSANNA WITMER, born January 3, 1874, was married Dec. 14,1899, to Harvey Horst, born December 10, 1874. They owned and operated Susanna's father's farm a number of years. In 1928 they sold it to Frank VanPelt, and moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia R. R. 5. In 1947, they moved to Goshen, Indiana, to live with their daughter, Edith. Susanna died May 5, 1957, aged 83 years 4 months 3 days. Buried in Yellow Creek Cemetery.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. LAURA W. born December 9, 1900
   Died December 2, 1936, aged 35 yr. 11 mo. 23 days. Buried at Pleasant View Church, Dayton, Virginia.
2. RUFUS LLOYD born November 29, 1903
   died February 24, 1933, aged 29 yr. 2 mo. 25 da. Buried at Pleasant View Church, Dayton, Virginia.
3. AMOS HENRY born May 7, 1908
4. MAHLON CLEMENT born August 16, 1910
5. PAUL DAVID born August 22, 1913
6. EDITH MARY born January 28, 1916

THIRD GENERATION No. 3

AMOS HENRY HORST, born May 7, 1908, was married Feb. 1, 1934, to Pauline Francis Knicely, born January 29, 1908. They are living on a farm near Dayton, Virginia.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOSEPH K. born November 12, 1934, died same day.
2. RUTH ELIZABETH born December 15, 1935
3. DANIEL HARVEY born December 31, 1938
4. HOWARD WILLIAM born July 9, 1940
5. LORENE GRACE born March 26, 1942

FOURTH GENERATION No. 2

RUTH ELIZABETH HORST, born December 15, 1935, was married December 12, 1957, to Marion Edward Wenger, born July 29, 1932.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ELIZABETH ANN born June 12, 1958, died same day.
2. KENNETH WILLIAM born June 15, 1959
3. CAROLYN SUE born April 25, 1961

THIRD GENERATION No. 4

MAHLON CLEMENT HORST, born August 16, 1910, was married March 10, 1940, to Artie Levina Knicely, born June 4, 1906. They are living on a farm near Harrisonburg, Virginia.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ORPHA CATHRINE born April 24, 1941
2. MYRON KNICELY born July 1, 1943
3. JUSTICE CLEMENT born December 13, 1945
4. DAVID RAY born April 20, 1948

THIRD GENERATION No. 5

PAUL DAVID HORST, born August 22, 1913, was married February 20, 1940, to Anna Evangeline Rohrer, born October 4, 1914. Evangeline died July 9, 1957, aged 32 years 9 months 5 days.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. JOHN WILLIAM born December 12, 1941
2. MIRIAM SUSANNA born September 19, 1943
3. LLOYD ROHRER born April 24, 1946
4. LOIS ELIZABETH born July 28, 1948
5. MARY ALICE born October 19, 1950
6. JAMES DANIEL born March 31, 1954

Paul David Horst was married again March 11, 1959, to Emma Lehman, born January 17, 1918.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. ADEN EMANUEL born May 17, 1961

THIRD GENERATION No. 6

EDITH MARY HORST, born January 28, 1916, was married January 30, 1947, to Martin Ramer, born January 13, 1923.

THEIR CHILDREN:

1. HARVEY H. born June 12, 1948
2. AMOS H. born May 21, 1952
3. LENA H. born September 30, 1954
4. NAOMI born June 18, 1957

IN MEMORY

They have passed on without a good-bye,
Sorrowing, grieving hearts are wondering, "why"?
So sudden and unexpected five have gone away.
Lonely and sad with aching hearts we stay.

Elvin was the first of them to take the flight:
Life was snuffed out like one snuffes out a light:
Youthful vigor, and with a smile on his face.
On a faraway Canadian highway was the place.

Isaiah was the next to go away,
He was given a few moments to pray:
Loving father, faithful husband, sincere friend,
Out on the farm with his tractor, he met his end.

Dear innocent Terry was next to go,
Boyish and cheerful, not quite five we know:
He slipped from the platform when helpful he wanted to be.
But God stepped up and quietly spoke "come with me".

Then Russell too had to answer the call
That will come to all, both great and small;
Two cars collided was his way of leaving,
Wife, daughter, sons an dmother left grieving.

IN his truck not far from home is the way John went,
Instant was death, leaving our hearts rent,
Ambitious and cheerful, many friends had John,
We are still striving to reach the goal they have gone.

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